

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 928

Short Title: Carolina Field of Honor/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Faircloth and Blust (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 15, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.,
2 TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAROLINA FIELD OF HONOR IN
3 KERNERSVILLE.
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5 Whereas, the War Memorial Foundation, Inc., located in Greensboro, North
6 Carolina, is a 501(c)(3) foundation founded to construct the Carolina Field of Honor War
7 Memorial located on the Forsyth/Guilford County line at Triad Park in Kernersville; and

8 Whereas, the Carolina Field of Honor will be a fitting memorial to military service
9 personnel from all branches of the United States Armed Services who have served in the past,
10 are currently serving, and will serve in the future; and

11 Whereas, the State of North Carolina is well known as the "most military friendly
12 state" that has served and is serving as home to many thousands of veterans and active military
13 personnel who have consistently and honorably protected our beloved nation in times of war
14 over many years; and

15 Whereas, the Field of Honor is a five million dollar project that has received
16 tremendous support from Guilford and Forsyth Counties, the Cities of High Point, Greensboro,
17 and Winston-Salem and from local businesses and citizens with 80% of the necessary funding
18 raised by the all-volunteer board of directors made up of veterans and veterans' spouses; and

19 Whereas, of the funds raised, less than 1% is used for administrative and overhead
20 costs with the great majority of donations going directly to construction of the project, and once
21 construction is completed, Forsyth and Guilford Counties have committed to assume all future
22 maintenance and care of the Memorial; and

23 Whereas, the Memorial will be constructed on an 8 ½ acre tract featuring tributes to
24 each branch of service in the form of granite monuments, flags, obelisk and water features, and
25 historical brick walkways with a parade field and amphitheater with 2,000+ seating capacity;
26 and

27 Whereas, upon completion, the Carolina Field of Honor will serve as a fitting
28 memorial to the sacrifices and contributions of all our servicemen and women and will be an
29 important destination point for North Carolinians as well as travelers from other states and
30 countries, and it is deemed appropriate that the State of North Carolina assist in funding the
31 completion of this signature public memorial site; Now, therefore,

32 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

33 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to War Memorial
34 Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars
35 (\$350,000) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to complete the Carolina Field of Honor, a memorial



1 to service personnel of all branches of the Armed Services to be located at Triad Park in
2 Kernersville.

3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.